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Group: **Unknown**

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For: VACUUM PACKAGING OF ARTICLES

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March 6, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete “or claim 3”.

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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